

and our community. I wish him nothing but continued success in his retirement and future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL ROBERT
PREISS

HON. MARK TAKAI

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Colonel Robert Preiss, an American hero who has devoted his life to serving our country.

During his career spanning over 30 years, Colonel Robert Preiss has proven his ability to successfully manage organizations and deliver results to the most critical problems facing our nation. He began his military career with his enlistment in the Texas Army National Guard. Throughout his career, Colonel Preiss has worked on an array of important projects, from shaping our policies in Iraq as Deputy Chief in the National Guard Affairs Office of United States Forces-Iraq, to drafting recommendations for our Reserve Forces as part of the Reserve Forces Policy Board. Through his service, he has furthered U.S. military objectives both at home and abroad.

Colonel Preiss has been decorated with numerous commendations, including the Bronze Star. In September of 2013, he received the Distinguished Service Medal from the National Guard Association of the United States to recognize his research into the efficiency and efficacy of the National Guard and Reserve. Our nation is safer today in part due to the work and patriotism of Colonel Preiss.

Colonel Robert Preiss, thank you for your patriotism and selfless service to the United States. As you are surely aware, our nation is proud of all you have accomplished during your career. Thank you (Mahalo nui loa) for your service to our country, and I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BRAD KENDELL

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Brad Kendell for his tenacity and perseverance in the face of adversity.

Brad Kendell is a Pinellas County native, from Clearwater. His passion for sailing with his father at the Clearwater Yacht Club began when he was just 7 years old. However, in 2003, his life drastically changed when he lost both his legs in a horrific plane crash with his father and flight instructor.

Mr. Kendell coped with his injury by meeting with other disabled sailors and soon discovered that his disability could not stop him from pursuing his true passion of sailing. He began to sail competitively this year and has already won a world championship. This qualifies him to represent the U.S. in the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio this summer.

Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge Mr. Kendell's courage after a horrific accident and ask that this body join me in wishing Mr.

Kendell the best of luck in the games this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
MINNETONKA BOYS TENNIS TEAM

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Minnetonka High School Boys Tennis team on their Minnesota State Team Championship.

The Skippers had come up just short in the previous two years, but this year they would not be denied. Although they were seeded fourth out of eight teams in the tournament, the Skippers showed grit and determination as they upset the top two teams on their way to the school's first tennis championship since 1974. They upset Rochester Century in a closely contested final, winning four matches to three.

Mr. Speaker, in a sport like tennis where success in a match is a combination of singles and doubles, it is especially noteworthy to recognize how this group of young men worked together to achieve their goal. These student athletes showed that together they were greater than the sum of their parts.

The families, teachers, friends, and the entire community are very proud of the Minnetonka High School Boys Tennis team both on the court and in the classroom. Congratulations.

HONORING THE WASHINGTON
RENEGADES RUGBY FOOTBALL
CLUB

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Washington Renegades Rugby Football Club. Founded in 1998, the Renegades are the first rugby club in the United States to actively recruit gay players, and are a founding member of International Gay Rugby (IGR), an association that today is comprised of over 70 gay and gay-supportive rugby clubs worldwide.

The Renegades represent Washington, D.C. in Division III and Division IV rugby. The club's Division III side is the three-time defending champions of the Mid-Atlantic Conference Central Division, having reached the national quarter/semi-finals in 2014. The club's Division IV side has also made two consecutive playoff appearances.

Over this past Memorial Day weekend, the Washington Renegades finished the 2016 Bingham Cup Tournament in Nashville, Tennessee as the most successful club overall in attendance. The Bingham Cup is the Championship of IGR, and is named for gay rugby player Mark Bingham, of the San Francisco Fog Rugby Football Club, who lost his life on September 11, 2001. Bingham, along with fellow passengers and crew of United Flight 93, is widely credited with preventing the hijackers from reaching their intended target.

Fielding three teams in three separate divisions, the Renegades A side (the Blues) reached the final four of the main competition—the Mark Bingham Cup—losing in the semifinal 15–5 to the eventual champions, the Melbourne Chargers from Melbourne, Australia. The Renegades B side (the Reds) won their division, defeating the Boston Ironsides 56–0 in the final to take the Mark Bingham Shield. The Renegades C side—affectionately called the “Silver” side due the age of some of its players—went to the finals of its competition, losing 12–10 to the Lost Souls of Dallas, Texas in the Challenger Cup Final. The Renegades are already looking forward to another season in USA Rugby competition this fall as well as to the next Bingham Cup in 2018.

The Renegades are more than just exceptional athletes; they are also exceptional citizens. They volunteer with such programs as Food and Friends, preparing hundreds of Thanksgiving meals for people living with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. They have held school supply drives and holiday toy drives, and have donated Nook electronic readers to schoolchildren. They have conducted rugby clinics for youth in the District of Columbia, and were featured in a series of after-school activities dedicated to having dads or father representatives participate in sports drills and related activities with their children. The Renegades have been recognized by the D.C. Mayor and D.C. Council for their athletic achievement and charitable activities, and by the U.S. Department of the Interior for their efforts in cleaning and maintaining the original Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in commending the Washington Renegades and wishing them continued success in the important work they do of modeling sporting excellence and breaking down barriers on the field, and serving the community off the field. The Washington Renegades are amateurs in the truest sense of the word, for the word “amateur” derives from the Latin word for “love.” The Renegades do what they do not for money or glory, but for love—love for their teammates, love for their game, and love for the city and country they call home.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
ROSCOE BROWN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and celebrate the life of an American hero, Dr. Roscoe Brown, who will be greatly missed by all those inspired by him. Dr. Brown flew combat missions during World War II as a member of the prestigious Tuskegee Airmen, the first African-American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces. As a proud sponsor of the bill that awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, our highest civilian honor, to the Tuskegee Airmen in 2007, I was humbled to meet Dr. Brown who embodied the best that our nation has to offer.

Our troops at home and abroad make the greatest sacrifices every day to defend our country. What makes the story of Dr. Brown

and the Tuskegee Airmen remarkable is their selflessness and devotion to a country despite the segregation and barriers they faced. These great men were willing to put their lives on the line for American values and freedoms even when discrimination compromised their own rights and liberties. Through their patriotism, the walls of segregation were finally removed from our Armed Forces on July 26, 1948. It is then when I enlisted in the Army and was able to follow in Dr. Brown's footsteps as a decorated soldier in the Korean War.

After the war and off the battlefield, Dr. Brown has left a lasting impact in my congressional district that continues to be felt today. His service to our nation took a new form after he settled in Riverdale, New York City. As a professor at New York University and City University of New York, Dr. Brown expanded African American study programs everywhere he taught, eventually becoming the President of Bronx Community College. A longtime member of the Boys and Girls Club of America and the Jackie Robinson Foundation, Dr. Brown worked tirelessly to improve the lives of everyone around him.

Dr. Brown left his indelible mark as a veteran, educator, community leader, and an activist, devoting his life to the betterment of his fellow man, community, and country. I join my constituents and rest of the nation as we say goodbye and pay tribute to a true American hero.

HONORING JOHN F. WOLFE

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John F. Wolfe, the former publisher of my hometown paper, the Columbus Dispatch.

John passed away on June 24, 2016. He was cherished by all as a humble leader, a generous friend and an unselfish advocate for others.

I was honored and privileged to have known him. He loved our city, our state, and our nation greatly. He was a gentle giant whose legacy includes improving the quality of life in Columbus for generations to come.

His family purchased the Dispatch in 1905, and as John wrote in his farewell letter to readers last year, the world was vastly different then. The telegraph and telephone were recent inventions, and the first radio broadcast was still a year away.

Today, it is the Wolfe family legacy that the Dispatch, the very paper I grew up reading as a kid in Columbus, stands as a trusted, leading and highly respected newspaper in our region and beyond.

When John became publisher in 1975, his devotion to transform Columbus into a vibrant and booming city never wavered.

He supported the Nationwide Children's Hospital, the Ohio State University, the Columbus Zoo, the Franklin Park Conservatory, our sports teams and much more. Without a doubt, Columbus would not be what it is today without his dedication and commitment to Central Ohioans.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, let us offer our deepest appreciation for

all John F. Wolfe did to serve his family, his readers and the people of Columbus, Ohio. He will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORNWALL BROTHERS STORE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 150th Anniversary of the Cornwall Brothers Store in Jefferson County, New York. The Cornwall Brothers Store is the only surviving historic waterfront building in Alexandria Bay.

Built in 1866, The Cornwall Brothers Store has served the community of Alexandria Bay in many ways. This building originally opened as a store that sold everything from dry goods to fine clothing but was forced to close during the Great Depression. Since that time, the building served first as a customs house, then a United States Coast Guard station and a United States Post Office, before officially becoming the store and museum that it is today.

The restoration of the store and the development of a museum sprang from an order to demolish the building in 1973. Knowing the significance of the Cornwall Brothers Store, a band of citizens came together to form the Alexandria Township Historical Society, a group whose first priority was to protect the Cornwall Brothers Store. After launching an intense campaign to save the building, the Alexandria Historical Society was able to save the building and have it registered in both the National Registry of Historic Places in 1975 and then the New York Registry of Historic Places in 1991. The museum now holds a variety of exhibits showcasing the lifestyles of residents of the Saint Lawrence River from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Congratulations to the Cornwall Brothers Store on the 150th anniversary of your formation. I wish this business and museum continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ALLEN BAKER

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Allen Baker for his commitment to the Rotary Club.

This past month, Dr. Baker celebrated his 70 years of perfect attendance to the Rotary Club. He first joined the Rotary Club in 1946 in Illinois and has since attended more than 3,500 meetings over his 70 years of being a member.

He has also attended 53 foreign Rotary Club meetings, the most notable of which was in Poland where the meeting was conducted in English in his honor. He joined the Belleair club in 1991 when he moved here and has since served as secretary and on the club's board of directors.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Dr. Allen Baker for his diligence and dedicated service

to the Rotary Club. He has been a faithful member, wherever his life has taken him, and I ask that this body join me in recognizing Dr. Allen Baker.

HONORING THE CAREER OF SERGEANT JOHN SAVAGE

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the esteemed career of Sergeant John Savage, who served 30 years with the City of Syracuse Police Department.

Sergeant Savage was appointed to the Syracuse Police Department on June 28, 1986 and served commendably in various units within the Department until his retirement in June of 2016. Sergeant Savage served honorably as an officer from June of 1986 and earned the rank of Sergeant in June of 1995. As a result of his excellent service throughout his 30 years of service, he received 2 Divisional Commendations, 3 Bureau Commendations, 5 Departmental Commendations, 2 Unit Citations, the John Dillon Award in 2011, the Timothy Laun Award in 2016, as well as several letters of appreciation.

During my time as a federal prosecutor I had the opportunity to serve with Sergeant Savage as part of the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force. Sergeant Savage was an early leader of the Task Force and his work helped to drastically reduce the gang presence in some of our community's most violent neighborhoods.

For 30 years, Sergeant Savage served with great dignity, loyalty and devotion to our community. He has truly helped to make the City of Syracuse a better, safer place for its citizens. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with such a great man and I wish him the very best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 349 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4854, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to expand the investor limitation for qualifying venture capital funds under an exemption from the definition of an investment company, I incorrectly voted "nay" when I intended to vote "yea".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 357, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.